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There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Hay supply was rated 14 percent very short, 56 percent short, and 30 percent adequate. Pasture was rated 80 percent of normal. The main farm activities were: Land preparation for spring crops and planting corn.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions in Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	23	9	19			70	20	10
	Emerged	4	4	9					
Wheat	Jointed	49	47	63			26	74	
Watermelons	Planted	17	4	15					
Livestock							19	77	4

County Agent Comments

"The rain is delaying field preparations. We are still cleaning up from the ice storm."

— Doyle Varner, Jr., Tallahatchie County

"All field work was interrupted by the recent rain. We needed four more days of dry weather to finish rowing up cotton ground. Some pastures were beginning to dry up."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Row crop producers were just getting into the fields when wet weather struck again mid-week. Cattle producers were able to get many pastures fertilized before the rain. Work is ahead of schedule compared to '92 and '93."

— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

"Rain in the middle of the week put a stop to all field activity, although we may be able to return next week. On the average we received less than one inch."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Sunshine and dry weather allowed the farmers a chance to do some ground preparation for cotton and corn. About 70 to 75 percent of the corn was planted last week."

— Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee

"Rain has halted planting of corn. It will take several days of dry weather before we can return to some of the fields. We are preparing to plant cotton."

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

"Another beautiful week to perform farming activities. Pastures are improved, wheat looks good, and corn is beginning to emerge."

— Perry Lee, Simpson County

"The weather has been perfect for farm planting. We received about 2 inches of rain last Thursday and Friday. There are not any insect or disease problems right now."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"We have received much needed rain to keep corn, wheat and commercial vegetables growing well."

— Kerry Johnson, George County

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Weather Summary From 03/20/94 to 03/27/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap	
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave		
1. Upper Delta Tunica Clarksdale Cleveland Extreme/Average	Due to technical difficulties at the U.S. Department of Commerce, this table is unavailable this week.													
2. North-Central Memphis AP Holly Springs ES Oxford ES Extreme/Average														
3. Northeast Corinth Iuka Booneville Pontotoc ES Tupelo AP Verona ES Extreme/Average														
4. Lower Delta Stoneville ES Greenwood AP Belzoni Rolling Fork Yazoo City Extreme/Average														
5. Central Winona Carthage Jackson AP Extreme/Average														
6. East-Central State University Columbus AFB Brooksville ES Extreme/Average														
7. Southwest Vicksburg Oakley ES Crystal Springs Alcorn ES Natchez Extreme/Average														
8. South-Central McComb AP Columbia Extreme/Average														
9. Southeast Newton ES Meridian AP Laurel Hattiesburg Beaumont ES Extreme/Average														
10. Coastal Poplarville ES Bay St. Louis Gulfport Biloxi Pascagoula Extreme/Average														
State Averages														
State Extremes					Location					Date				
Greatest one day precipitation														
Greatest weekly precipitation														
Maximum air temperature														
Minimum air temperature														
Maximum soil temperature														
Minimum soil temperature														
Greatest one day pan evaporation														
Greatest weekly pan evaporation														

Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum
 Min = Minimum
 Ave = Average
 Norm = Normal
 DFN = Departure From Normal
 Evap = Evaporation
 M = Missing

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